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1. In the Luetzkendorf (M 52/D 80) Plant crude oil is processed into lubricating oil, motor oil, gasoline, kerosene, transformer oil, compressor oil, and other products. Paraffin oil is produced from the waste products. Peacetime production has not yet been reached because skilled workmen and materials are in short supply. Further-
more labor is assigned for such unproductive work as clearing and building work
etc., which consumes all available funds. *
2. The crude oil is imported from Austria by order of the SCC. An estimated 15,000
tons of crude oil is processed monthly. ** The processed oils are shipped to
the DKMZ (Deutsche Kraftstoff und Mineraloel-Zentrale - German Fuel and Mineral
Oil Center) in Berlin for distribution.
3. The present work force numbers 5,600 workmen and office employees. This figure
has reached the peacetime level. Political indoctrination within the plant has been
pushed since about November 1949. All leading employees had to attend training
courses lasting from four weeks to three months. All SED members were bound to
attend a course on politics held every Wednesday night. Membership in the FDGB is
compulsory while membership in the SED is encouraged but not required.
4. Among the leading personnel in the plant is Dr. Eichard, (fnu), the plant manager,
who is very reserved in political affairs. He is in this position only because of
his expert knowledge. Fritz Gebhardt, the chief of personnel, and Fritz Schneider,
social manager, are both SED members who are very active in politics. The position
of social manager has existed since about autumn 1947. The incumbents are appointed
by the government and are assigned the job of managing and supervising the political
indoctrination in the plant. Hans Richter, SED, is trade union chairman and was
formerly a member of the works council. Lehmann, (fnu), is chairman of the SED
plant section. He returned from Soviet war captivity a short time ago and is said
to have been a "Stalin" student. The SED section has about 800 members. Cuentner
Hecht and Fritz Hunger are chairmen of the LDP plant section, which has about 50
members. Woiczek, (fnu), is chairman of the CDU plant section, which was established
just a few weeks before the end of April and already numbered 20 to 25 members. ***

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Comment. The report only refers to the Luetzkendorf crude oil refinery and
lubricating oil plant. No data are supplied on the Fischer-Tropsch department of
the plant.

25X1 Comment. The monthly processing capacity of the lubricating oil plant is

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25X1 only 10,000 tons of crude oil and not 15,000 tons. Details on the production
were supplied in a previous report. [redacted]
[redacted] Comment. The list of the plant officials of the lubricating oil factory
shows that Dr. Hermann, (fnu), previously reported as plant manager has been
25X1 removed and replaced by Dr. Eckhardt, (fnu), who was an assistant manager.
25X1 F. Gebhardt, former assistant in the plant management, has obviously been made
chief of personnel owing to his party membership. [redacted] Also a
new social manager has been appointed.

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